

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A jig for simultaneously cutting a route in each of at least a pair of workpieces secured in the jig in a stacked parallel relationship, said jig comprising:

a bottom plate;

a plurality of grooves extending through the bottom plate for selectively receiving a cutting tool therein;

a rear plate ~~joined~~ secured to the bottom plate and extending orthogonally upwardly away ~~therefrom~~ from the bottom plate and defining a trough adapted to receive the pair of workpieces therein in a stacked parallel relationship; and

an alignment member carried by one of the rear and bottom plates and extending into the trough and having first and second faces offset from each other ~~adapted to align~~ for aligning the pair of workpieces with the grooves in the bottom plate.

22. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 21 further comprising at least one handle extending away from the rear plate.

23. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 21 wherein the alignment member further comprises an alignment bar extending outwardly from the rear plate.

24. (Previously presented) The jig of claim 23 further comprising a first adjustment mechanism for adjusting the alignment bar relative to the rear plate.

25. (Currently amended) The jig of claim 24 in which the ~~adjustment~~ alignment bar includes a the first face adapted for contacting a first one of the pair of workpieces and a the second face for contacting a second one of said pair of

~~workpieces, and in which the first and second faces are stepped from one another to offset said workpieces with respect to each other.~~

26. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 25 further including a second adjustment mechanism, and in which the second adjustment mechanism allows adjustment of the second face toward and away from the rear plate.

27. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 26 in which the first adjustment mechanism includes a slot formed in the rear plate and a rod extending through the slot, and in which the second adjustment mechanism includes a slot formed in the adjustment bar, and a rod extending through the slot.

28-30 (Canceled)

31. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 21 further including a front plate extending away from the bottom plate in the same direction as the rear plate.

32. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 31 in which the front plate is formed with a plurality of grooves that correspond to the grooves formed in the bottom plate.

33. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 32 in which the front plate further defines the trough for accepting the pair of workpieces.

34. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 21 in which the rear plate is formed with at least one marker thereon, and in which the marker corresponds to at least one groove formed in the bottom plate.

35. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 34 in which the rear plate is formed with a plurality of markers thereon, and in which each marker corresponds to a specific groove formed in the bottom plate.

36. (Previously presented) The jig of claim 35 in which the markers are grooves cut into the top of the rear plate.

37. (Previously presented) The jig of claim 35 in which the rear plate includes a guide board; and in which the markers are formed on the guide board.

38. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 21 in which the alignment member further comprises a post extending outwardly from the rear plate.

39. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 38 in which the grooves are spaced apart a first distance; in which the post is spaced from the first groove a second distance; and in which the first distance and second distance are equal.

40. (Previously presented) The jig as defined in claim 38 in which each groove is adapted to receive a router bit, and in which the post has a width substantially equal to the diameter of the router bit.